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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 EXPANDING ENTERPRISES, LLC,

CASE NO. C17-0484JLR

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

12 v.

13 CONTINENTAL WESTERN
14 INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

15 The court has reviewed Defendant Continental Western Insurance Company's
16 ("Continental") notice of removal (Not. (Dkt. # 1)) and finds that Continental does not
17 allege facts that demonstrate subject matter jurisdiction.
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19 Continental asserts that the court's jurisdiction is based on diversity of citizenship.
20 (*Id.* ¶ 4.) For purposes of assessing diversity, the court must consider the domicile of all
21 members of a limited liability company. *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*,
22 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006) ("[A]n LLC is a citizen of every state of which its

1 owners/members are citizens.”); *see also* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 101(e) (“In a
2 case removed from state court . . . based on diversity, the notice of removal must also, to
3 the extent possible, identify the citizenship of the parties, and, if any of the parties is a
4 limited liability corporation (LLC), a limited liability partnership (LLP), or a partnership,
5 identify the citizenship of the owners/partners/members of those entities to establish the
6 court’s jurisdiction.”). Continental alleges that it is an Iowa domiciliary (Not. ¶ 3) and
7 that Plaintiff Expanding Enterprises, LLC, is a “Washington limited liability company”
8 (*id.* ¶ 4). However, Continental does not allege the domicile of Expanding Enterprises’s
9 members. (*See generally id.*; *see also* Silk Decl. (Dkt. # 2) ¶ 6.) Accordingly, the court
10 cannot conclude that it has subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

11 The court ORDERS Continental to SHOW CAUSE within ten (10) days of the
12 entry of this order why the case should not be remanded for lack of subject matter
13 jurisdiction. Continental's response may not exceed three (3) pages. Expanding
14 Enterprises may, but is not required to, file a response subject to the same deadline and
15 page limit. If Continental fails to timely and adequately comply with this order, the court
16 will remand the case to King County Superior Court.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017.


JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge